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It has all come to this. Spawn has to make a deal he never thought he'd make.

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Hell.
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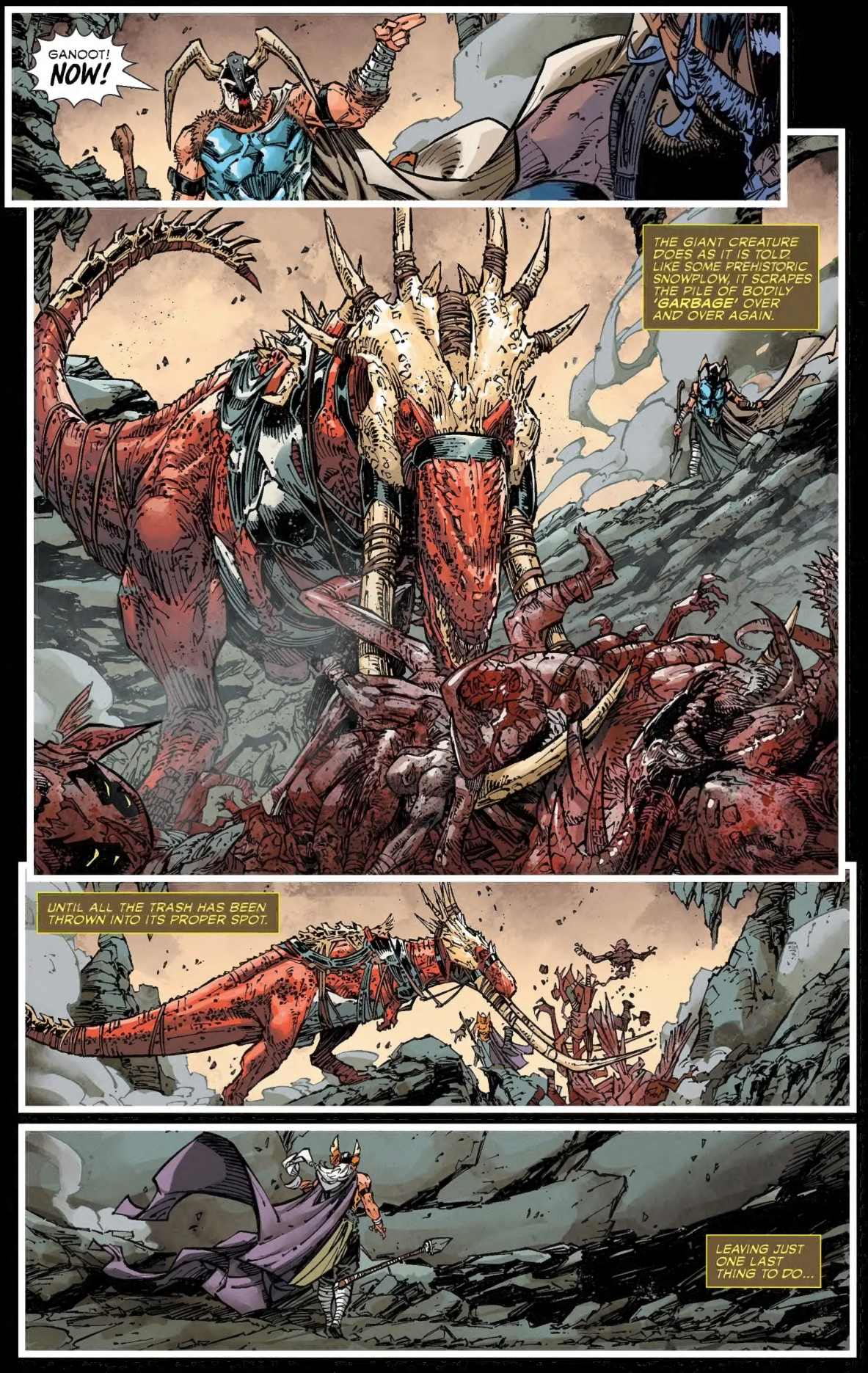
They don't know how long they've been digging.
And they've barely said a word to one another. Their current task is all that matters.
That's deep enough.
They won't know we were here.

LET'S GET THEM SHOVELED IN. THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ALL OF THEM.

I'LL CLEAN WHATEVER TRACKS GET LEFT BEHIND.

THEIR GOAL IS SIMPLE: HIDE THE **DEAD.** NO MATTER IF THEY'RE FROM HEAVEN OR HELL, THEY **ALL** GO INTO THE HOLE.

THERE ISN'T TIME TO SORT THROUGH THE BODIES. GIVEN THAT MOST BELONGED TO **HEAVEN,** THESE TWO WARRIORS OF HELL WILL ACTUALLY DERIVE **SOME** PERSONAL PLEASURE IN FULFILLING THE ORDERS THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN.


GANOOT!
NOW!
THE GIANT CREATURE DOES AS IT IS TOLD. LIKE SOME PREHISTORIC SNOWPLOW, IT SCRAPES THE PILE OF BODILY 'GARBAGE' OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
UNTIL ALL THE TRASH HAS BEEN THROWN INTO ITS PROPER SPOT.
LEAVING JUST ONE LAST THING TO DO...

krkk
AND THAT'S TO COMPLETELY COVER UP ANY REMNANTS THAT HEAVEN'S TROOPS HAD BEEN WIPED OUT. IT'S FAR BETTER IF GOD BELIEVES THEY'VE JUST DISAPPEARED.
MOVE ASIDE.
FOOM
NOW THEY'LL ALL HAVE THE HONOR OF ROTTING IN HELL.
THE TWO HEAD OFF TO REPORT BACK TO THEIR QUEEN.

EARTH.
IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T GET PAST OUR DIFFERENCES.
I CAN'T GO AGAINST MY INSTINCTS. SO, WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR CHOICES.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, WHY YOU NEED TO BE SO RECKLESS.
I'D USE A DIFFERENT WORD.
WELL, WHATEVER IT IS, YOU FAIL, IT'LL PUTS THE REST OF US AT RISK. AND FOR WHAT?
CURSE DOESN'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT YOU.
AND BLUDD WANTS YOU DEAD.

I KNOW.
BUT WE LET THE VAMPIRES GO UNCHALLENGED, WE MIGHT NOT COME BACK FROM THAT.
SO, DO WHAT YOU NEED TO, AND I'M GOING TO DO THE SAME.
MAYBE WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
FORTY MINUTES LATER.
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR GODDAMN MIND?!
YOU HEARD ME.
I DID AND YOU'RE FALLING INTO HIS TRAP! HE WANTS THIS FIGHT; DON'T YOU GET THAT?

HE'S BEEN PICKING US OFF ONE AT A TIME.
DON'T PATRONIZE ME, I KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING.
SO, BE SMART ABOUT THIS! WE HAVE TO PLAN. TOGETHER!
YOU WALK OUT OF HERE ALONE YOU'LL PROVE YOU'RE NOT WORTHY. THAT WANDA WAS RIGHT NOT STANDING BY YOUR SIDE, THAT...
YOU F*CKIN' LEAVE MY WIFE OUT OF THIS!
WE CAN'T OUTRUN BLUDD'S VAMPIRES! NOT UNLESS WE GET OUR POWERS BACK, WHICH NONE OF US KNOWS HOW TO DO... OR WE USE DESPERATE MEASURES!!

THAT'S ALL WE'VE GOT LEFT.
kiss
I'M SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO.
STOP! EMOTIONS ARE HIGH RIGHT NOW, BUT NOT THIS, AL. THERE'LL NEVER BE AN US.
BUT I BELIEVE IN ALL THIS. IN YOU. LET ME COME WITH YOU.
YOU CAN'T. IF I DON'T COME BACK, YOU NEED TO MOBILIZE OTHERS. AND HERE'S A LIST...
I NEED YOU TO PROTECT THE NAMES ON IT.

AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION

HIS INTENT IS TO FIND A WAY TO NEGOTIATE WITH BLUDD FIRST

BUT IF THAT FAILS...

WHICH ODDS SAY IT WILL... HE NEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FALLOUT

OR AT THE VERY LEAST, HE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT AS **MANY** OF THEM AS POSSIBLE BEFORE HE FAILS IN HIS QUEST

HIS GREATEST HOPE PERHAPS HIS DELUSION IS THAT BLUDD WILL UNDERSTAND THAT HAVING A TRUCE WITH SPAWN, THOUGH **HUMAN** RIGHT NOW, WILL SERVE BOTH THEIR NEEDS IF HIS POWERS WERE EVER TO RETURN

HE'S SENT OUT WORD HE WANTS A MEETING

SO NOW HE WAITS

HOURS LATER A MESSENGER ARRIVES
A TRAITOR AMID BLUDD'S ARMY WILLING TO SELL OUT HIS LORD'S WHEREABOUTS
SHE WON'T BE PLEASED.
THAT'S NOT FOR US TO DECIDE. OUR DUTY IS TO *TELL* WHAT WE'VE LEARNED. NOTHING MORE.
MOMENTS LATER THEY PERFORM THAT DUTY...
WE BURIED THE EVIDENCE OF OUR BATTLES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE WE'VE HAD OUR GREATEST SUCCESS. IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE HEAVEN'S *'AUDITORS'* REALIZE THE SCOPE OF SOME OF THEIR TROOP LOSSES.
EXCELLENT. IT'S CRUCIAL THEY STAY IGNORANT IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW *WEAK* GOD'S STRATEGY HAS BEEN.
YOUR WESTERN TROOPS ARE AT THE READY, AND THE NORTH AND EAST HORDES WERE DEPLOYED DAYS AGO. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVISE *"DISTRACTIONS"* TO FURTHER CONFUSE THEM.

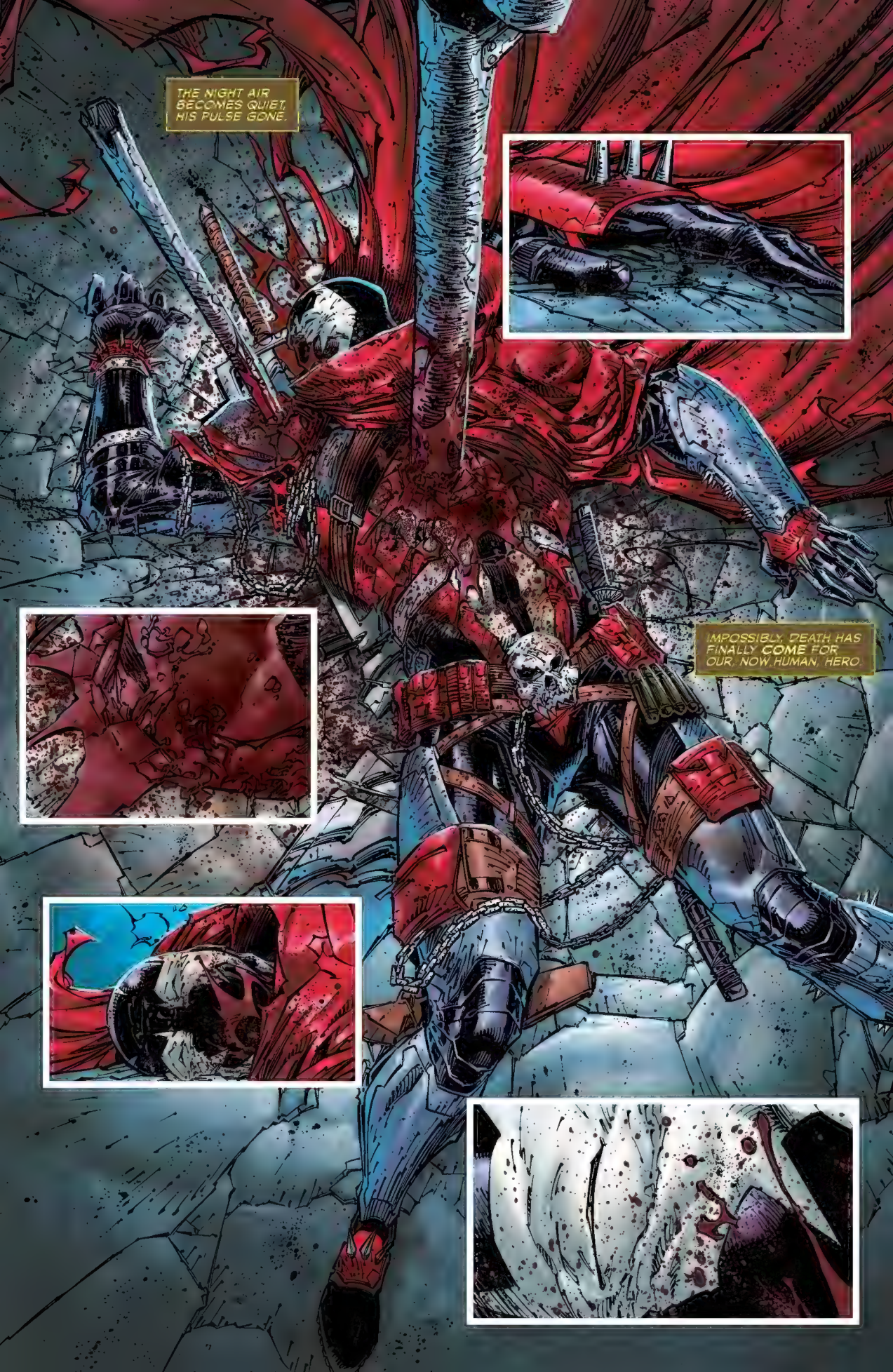
THERE IS ONE MORE DETAIL, MY QUEEN.
OUR EARTHLY SPIES CONFIRM THAT THE SIMMONS HELLSPAWN HAS NOT YET COMMITTED FULLY. DESPITE YOUR LATEST WARNING.*
*See last issue— Thomas.
WHY? WHY DOES THAT CREATURE NOT COMPREHEND THE FUTILITY OF HIS MOVES. BUT NO MATTER, HE WILL FALL IN LINE, IF ONLY TO BE USEFUL TO MY PLANS.
ONCE HE DOES THAT, ONCE HE HELPS TRIGGER OUR EXECUTIONER, HE'S ON HIS OWN. ARE THE BODIES READY?
THEY ARE.
THEN MAKE SURE SIMMONS IS AROUND TO DO HIS PART WHEN THE TIME COMES.

SPAWN BEGINS TO SENSE SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT
THE SECURITY DETAIL AT BLUDD'S CORPORATE OFFICE IS USUALLY ROBUST TONIGHT. IT ISN'T.
MAYBE. HE THINKS HE NEEDS TO REPOSITION HIMSELF
THK
HE DOESN'T. THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS
HE'S BEEN LIED TO

AND A FLEETING MOMENT OF HESITATION WILL COST HIM EVERY-THING TONIGHT.
YOU MADE A MISTAKE COMING HERE.
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO, OFFER ME SOMETHING? YOU'VE GOT NOTHING I WANT EXCEPT YOUR LIFE. IT'S ALL ANY OF YOU FROM HEAVEN OR HELL HAVE TO OFFER.
HIS SHOULDER NOW SHATTERED, SPAWN KICKS INTO DEFENSE MODE
BAM
BAM

THOUGH EVERY BULLET PASSES EFFORTLESSLY THROUGH BLUDD'S BODY
DID YOU THINK, FOR ONE MOMENT, WE'D SHARE OUR POWER WITH YOU?
WITH ANYONE?
SLIT
WE WON'T!

NOT AFTER CENTURIES OF TORTURE AND OPPRESSION AT THE HANDS OF YOUR GODS.
THIS IS OUR TIME!!
SHK
AND NO ONE WILL STAND IN OUR WAY.


THE NIGHT AIR BECOMES QUIET, HIS PULSE GONE.
IMPOSSIBLY, DEATH HAS FINALLY COME FOR OUR, NOW HUMAN, HERO.

IT'S BEEN HOURS SINCE HIS LAST HEARTBEAT
FOOL.
YOU GOD DAMN FOOL.
SLUP

I
WARNED
YOU
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN!

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Jet and I have been combing through the pages of Spawn Kills Every Spawn since the first issue's release. It's no surprise that Jet's submission to Spawning Ground this month is Chibi Spawn:

Jet has been studying the art style of Rob Duenas and I'm pretty impressed by his interpretation. He loves how expressive the characters are and it shows. We use my phone's camera to zoom into the most detailed panels of each issue to find all of the gems hidden on the page (and we both flipped out about the Calvin & Hobbes cameo in issue 2 and Tobin's Spirit Guide in issue 3). Thanks for bringing so much joy with this title, and please pass that gratitude on to Rob, John Layman, and the whole team. We hope there's a Chibi Spawn figure coming soon!

-JAN L

Let's be honest. I can't put out an important issue like Spawn #360 without including some amazing fan art from Jet! And this piece might just be the best of all. Jet, your art has gotten so good! Please don't ever stop. I will make sure to pass this letter along to Rob, Robert, and John. I am sure they will love it.

-THOMAS

I could talk about the great art or the captivating story month after month, but I just want to thank you for keeping this and other Spawn comics $2.99! The big two have lost their way with their insane pricing and poor content, but you guys deserve praise for actually caring about the customer. THANK YOU!
P.S. I've been a monthly reader since 1992 with Spawn #1-100, took a 100 issue break, and jumped back on board with #200 until now :)

-DEREK F. from MARYLAND

Derek, thanks for supporting Spawn for so long. As a comic collector myself, I know it can be difficult to keep your monthly spending down. We hope keeping most of our titles at $2.99 helps even a small bit. We will certainly try to stay at $2.99 for as long as we can.

-THOMAS

Customized Spawn Figure by @aerosfig on IG

Wow, this is awesome! This is a perfect rendition of Brett Booth's "powerless" Spawn look. Great job! And it does make sense that it showed up in this issue. Spawn #360 changes everything!

-THOMAS

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